

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-20 were pending. Claims 1-20 were rejected. Claims 3-10 and 12-19 have been amended. Claims 1, 2, 11, and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 21-22 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,915,001 issued to Premkumar V. Uppaluru (“Uppaluru”) in view of U.S. Patent 6,320,946 issued to Mark J. Enzmann et al. (“Enzmann”).

Applicant has canceled independent claims 1 and 2, introduced new claim 21, and amended claims 2-10 to depend on claim 21.

Claim 21 recites a method of providing a telephone user with access to Internet content. The claimed method includes prompting a user to select between a voice call and internet access when an interactive voice response (IVR) system receives a calling card call from a conventional telephone via the public switched telephone network (PSTN). The method further includes completing the telephone call to a destination telephone number when the user selects a voice call and taking appropriate other steps including instructing a server to retrieve Internet content when the user selects Internet access.

Claim 21 is allowable over the cited references because the cited references do not teach or suggest all of the elements of Claim 21. For example, neither Uppaluru nor Enzmann teach or suggest an IVR method or system that prompts a user to select between a voice call and Internet access in response to receiving a telephone call. Uppaluru is devoted exclusively to providing audio web pages to telephone users and contains no teaching or suggestion to regarding using the disclosed environment to place voice calls. Enzmann describes a specialized payphone the includes an information storage unit from which the user can extract information. As a payphone invention, Enzmann contains no teaching or suggestion regarding receiving calls from a

conventional telephone. Nor does Enzmann include any teaching or suggestion to prompt a user to select between a telephone call and Internet access as recited.

Because Claim 21 recites elements not taught or suggested by the references, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter Claim 21 as a new claim and recognize Claim 21 and its dependent claims as being allowable.

In addition to the foregoing, Applicant has canceled independent claim 11, introduced new claim 22, and amended claims 12-19 to depend on claim 22.

Claim 22 recites a system for enabling Internet access to a user of a conventional phone. The claimed system is suitable for prompting a user to select between a voice call and internet access when an interactive voice response (IVR) system receives a calling card call from a conventional telephone via the public switched telephone network (PSTN). The system is further operable for completing the telephone call to a destination telephone number when the user selects a voice call and taking appropriate other steps including instructing a server to retrieve Internet content when the user selects Internet access.

Claim 22 is allowable over the cited references because the cited references do not teach or suggest all of the elements of Claim 22. For example, neither Uppaluru nor Enzmann teach or suggest an IVR system that prompts a user to select between a voice call and Internet access in response to receiving a telephone call. Again, Uppaluru is devoted exclusively to providing audio web pages to telephone users and contains no teaching or suggestion to regarding using the disclosed environment to place voice calls. Enzmann describes a specialized payphone the includes an information storage unit from which the user can extract information. As a payphone invention, Enzmann contains no teaching or suggestion regarding receiving calls from a conventional telephone. Nor does Enzmann include any teaching or suggestion to prompt a user to select between a telephone call and Internet access as recited.

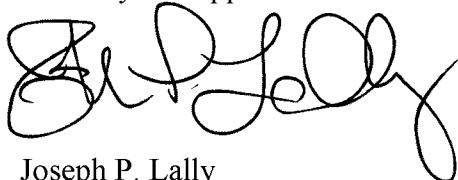
Accordingly, because the cited references do not teach or suggest all of the elements of Claim 22, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to recognize Claim 22 and its dependent claims as being allowable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that this paper contains a reply to each ground of rejection and objection set forth in the Office Action and that the claims as presented herein are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of and favorable action for all pending Claims.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Jackson Walker L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 10-0096. If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.236.2019.

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